GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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DOPE TESTING BY SAI BEFORE OLYMPICS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India`s system of dope testing is a farce and is open to manipulation as reported in Indian Express dated October 16, 2004;

(b) if so, the details of the testing done by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) before the Athens Olympics; and

(c) the details of the action taken/being taken by the Government to rectify the anomalies of SAI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. However, there are continuous reviews to safeguard against the possibility of manipulation through system improvements, training of Sports Authority India (SAI) scientists engaged in dope testing exercise etc.

All the sportspersons qualified for the individuals events and selected as members of the Indian Team for the 2004 Athens Olympic Games were tested for dope. Samples of 2 Indian Weightlifters who were tested positive for dope at the Athens Olympic Games were also tested prior to their departure and found negative for dope.